

## Baxter Springs News

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BAXTER SPRINGS - KANSAS

The flying dust we have with us, always.

Temper and a pistol make a bad combination.

It is popular to have "the brain storm" after you get caught.

An oak tree in Minneapolis committed suicide. No one will blame it.

One of the best things about the joy ride is that it so often turns out to be its own punishment.

It is feared that all the convicts in the various penitentiaries will at once begin writing poetry.

It is queer how these people who are going to be probed insist on a thorough examination of everything.

South American republics manage to have a scrap often enough to keep the limelight trained in that direction.

Another youth has gone wrong under the influence of dime novels. A little reading is still a dangerous thing.

"At this time of the year green is the unrivaled color," says the Boston Herald. Particularly if it is long green.

The end-seat hog is now fortified by a judicial decision, and he will no doubt hold tenaciously to all the seats he first gets.

One cannot at present secure a divorce at Reno, Nev., by telephone, but possibly Reno's facilities will be enlarged and broadened.

A newspaper story says that the bunco games in Mexico are the greatest in the world. Can the author have overlooked our own dear Wall Street?

A bandit in Springfield, Mass., says that he committed his crimes because there was something the matter with his head. There generally is.

A Cincinnati man failed with liabilities of \$1,200,000 and assets of \$400. No Wall street financier would look upon such an accomplishment as that as a failure.

Some eastern New York farmers are selling their cows and replacing them with Angora goats. It might be asked if this is a case of butting in or butting 'em out.

A large majority of the schoolboys of this country are earnestly hoping something dreadful may happen to William Sidis of Boston because of his unsportsmanlike propensity to acquire knowledge.

Announcement comes from fashion sources that "women's hats are larger." Of course this is a matter on which man has no vote, and what he may say or think does not count. But really is it necessary?

If conscription for army service in China were based upon the German plan an army of 22,000,000 soldiers could be put in the field, says the Philadelphia Record. Also, by the same plan, this nation would have an army of 5,500,000. But there is no sign that either the Chinese people or those of the United States would accept the plan.

The deaths from bubonic plague of two young women, daughters of the postmaster at Honkua, Hawaii, offer convincing evidence that the germs of the plague linger on the islands, where the sanitary officials should toll unceasingly in order to suppress them. The same danger undoubtedly exists on the southern Pacific slope, where the rats should be made objects of unrelenting warfare.

That young Cambridge mathematical prodigy says in the fullness of his youthful wisdom that he is quite convinced he could construct a flying machine with which he could reach Venus in twenty minutes. He would use radium as a motive power. But it is noted that he has not said how much radium he would need or how much it would cost. There are other brilliant persons who could tell of the many wonderful things they might do if they could get the stuff to do it with. And so long as it cannot be disproved, the proponent is safe in stating his belief.

Rear Admiral Bacon of the British navy advocates the construction of larger battleships because in his opinion, with proper subdivision of the hull, they are not as likely to be sunk as a result of torpedo attack as the smaller ship. There is something in this, as the weight of armament carried by a large ship is not proportionately as large as that on the smaller ship. But it must not be overlooked that the torpedo is becoming more powerful under the development of inventors, and the damage they inflict may be beyond the ability of even the best of compartmented hulls to withstand.

A wild deer in the vicinity of Three Lakes, Wash., locked horns with a stuffed specimen and was shot. Both of them must have been dummies.

The latest and one of the biggest of the British battleships of the Dreadnought type is built largely after American plans, particularly as regards the construction and operation of the turret. Whether or not "blood is thicker than water," it is becoming evident that the greatest naval power in the world finds "Yankee" ideas worth adopting.

## NOTES FROM MEADOWBROOK FARM

By William Pitt



A grunting pig is a good one.

Most farmers are pretty good judges of a horse.

Watch the weeds closely to turn them under in time.

It is a mistake to breed from undersized, poorly developed fowls.

Fences in good repair add materially to the appearance of the farm.

Burn all the old straw, egg shells and debris on the garden or some field.

Rich mellow soil should be worked in among the roots of newly planted trees.

The profits of the poultry business have never been better than during the past winter.

Plenty of clean bedding will not engender disease. It's the filthy nest that does the harm.

The most important thing the small poultryman has to do is to keep poultry continually on the land.

Scarlet peach blossoms and white plum flowers have unfolded, and give us inspiration for spring planting.

A dairyman has something to sell every day in the month, and moreover he is usually able to set his own prices.

The value of alfalfa as a fertilizing crop on run down and worn out lands is just beginning to be realized by many farmers.

The best preparation of the soil is fall plowing, harrowed early in the spring and thoroughly disked before planting to kill weeds.

Take pains to exercise the horses and harden them up before the real spring work begins. This is necessary if you wish to avoid delays and risks.

Well-fed, well-handled early pigs can make a pound of growth on alfalfa or clover or bluegrass up to July with a pound and a half or two pounds of corn daily.

In selecting a brood sow it is important that the number of pigs she farrows, the number she raises, and her attitude toward them be determined before purchasing.

It does cost more to get large eggs. If you have hens that lay that kind of eggs, you must hunt up somebody who is willing to pay you more for them, or you will be playing a losing game.

One squab raiser at Morristown, N. J., last year sold \$25,000 worth of these birds. Most of them went to the big hotels and restaurants of New York and to supply the great steamship lines.

Share the early vegetables with your fowls. But it is better for you and the garden, too, that you gather the fresh vegetables for them yourself. Fowls have little respect for the garden when allowed the privilege of grazing.

An English fruit grower declares that he has been able to preserve his apple trees from the woolly aphis by scraping off the loose bark and applying a thin coat of paraffin. Each tree requires about one pint of paraffin, and the application is made three times a year.

Fall sown oats have survived the sudden freezes and are now very promising. Those who had the wisdom to plant plenty of oats for early feeding are now congratulating themselves. The fall and winter grazing has in some cases paid for the seed and cost of sowing. The value of the crop will be clear profit.

A cow does not come to her highest and best flow of milk till about the fourth week after freshening. During these first weeks of lactation she should not be given all she will eat, and part of the feed should be of a laxative nature. She may be placed on full feed at the end of the fourth week, when the flow will be at its best.

Wheat bran, shorts or middlings, ground oats and peas, any one of these grains, or a mixture of them, will be suitable to feed with skim milk to brood sows. It is also well to feed a few roots or small potatoes, and give the sows plenty of exercise before farrowing. The same or a similar ration can be continued after farrowing, gradually increasing the amount as the pigs grow, and adding a little corn or barley if the sows become thin.

There is money in hogs.

Trade one of the pups for a pig.

Wean the colt at from six to seven months.

The old hens become overfed more easily than pullets.

Nothing stimulates the system of the hog like pasturage.

In marketing milk both the producer and consumer must be satisfied.

The finer the teeth of the cultivator the finer and more satisfactory the work.

Hogs, especially brood sows, should have salt where they can go to it at any time.

A wide sweeping fine toothed harrow intelligently used is the greatest enemy of weeds.

For egg farming on a large scale the colony system is best suited to permanent operations.

Drought has little terror for the man whose farm grows few weeds and the soil is well handled.

The day of the wooden pail and the old dash churn that could be purchased at the cross-road store has gone by.

Chicks hatched during April and to the middle of May will, if properly grown, make laying pullets for the coming winter.

The holes for your new trees must be made larger and deep enough to receive the entire root system without crowding or cramping.

Always use box stalls whenever practicable. A horse tied in a narrow stall is never quite comfortable and is in more or less danger of being cast.

There never was a time in the history of America when we had so many opportunities for engaging in the growing of really good horses than now.

The first potatoes cultivated in Germany were planted in 1447. The people did not take kindly to the tuber and the government was obliged to force farmers to raise them.

About the only way to ever get a farm clean, is to make a determined effort from the very first day of spring—not to let weeds grow an hour more than possible after they first show.

Over 4,000 potato diggers are used in the state of Maine alone to harvest the crop. If these were all hooked together with a team of horses to each it would make a procession 15 miles long.

If you have plenty of room plant a variety garden. Select several different varieties of each vegetable and test them side by side. In this way you can select the earliest, latest and most reliable varieties for your soil.

The best rooster that can be found for what you can afford to pay should be selected. It is easy to grade up a flock to good hens by using the best roosters every year and selling all of the pullets that are not up to the breed standard.

The love dogs have for children is remarkable. Many instances are on record where dogs have lost their lives in an attempt to protect children. A good, sensible dog is a desirable companion for children when left alone or when sent on errands.

An average of 150 eggs per hen during the first year of laying is fairly good laying. Pullets in good health and vigor should average this number of eggs. During the second year they will lay about 25 per cent. fewer eggs, and each succeeding year correspondingly fewer.

Eggs from very old hens should not be used for hatching purposes. Select eggs from young birds of good type, color, form and breed characteristics. Special attention must be given to selection if the breed is to be improved. It pays to use reason and judgment in breeding fowls.

Ordinarily, if a farmer sows alfalfa in the spring, he has his old enemy, the weeds, to contend with. If the season be damp and cloudy, the alfalfa may not grow fast, but weeds will. Therefore, June may see him mowing to retard a rampant growth of weeds instead of gathering a profitable cutting of prime hay.

The fact has been conclusively proven that it is practically impossible to feed butter fat into milk when the cows are already receiving a good full ration of proper feeding stuffs. The butter fat content of milk is largely an individual characteristic, varying, of course, with the season of the year and the length of time the cow has been milked.

The cabbage root maggot is a common and destructive cabbage pest. The adult of this maggot is a fly not unlike the common house fly. The fly deposits the small white eggs in the earth crevices around the plant early in the spring and the maggots hatching from them burrow into the root. Plants attacked by these maggots usually suddenly wilt, and, if pulled up, most probably the white maggots will be found.

## ROAD and FARM IMPROVEMENT



FARM NOTES.

A good road is a royal highway. Lettuce will stand a great deal of cool weather.

Better a small garden well tilled than a large one neglected.

Always use fresh horse manure in the hot bed and well-rotted manure in the soil.

Owning a manure-spreader stimulates us to get the manure out as fast as made.

Lima beans may be planted along the fence and the garden fence utilized as a trellis.

The more thoroughly the soil is broken up, the more the plant food is made available.

A plot of ground 40x60 feet will supply a family of five or six with all the vegetables they can eat.

Wornout, exhausted soil may produce grass better than other crops, but it will not produce a real good crop of anything.

Washing the horses' shoulders with strong alum water at noon and at night, when working will aid materially in preventing galls.

Peppers are very valuable for seasoning and should have a place in the garden. A pepper plant with nice ripe pods is also quite ornamental.

Pansies are very attractive and afford much pleasure when properly cared for. Make the pansy bed in rich, deep soil in a cool, protected place.

Celery is not fully appreciated by many of our gardeners. It is a delicious and wholesome vegetable and should not be left off the list of garden plants.

Cucumbers require a warm, rich soil and plenty of moisture. A few hills well fertilized with barnyard manure and watered occasionally will yield as much as a large family can use.

## HANDY LITTLE SEED MARKER

Important to Have Perfectly Straight Lines in Garden to Save Ground and for Appearance.

A little marker will be found very useful in garden work. The markers, which should be in the form of sled runners, are placed 12 inches apart. In laying off rows for small plants six inches apart an extra set of lines can be run through the first



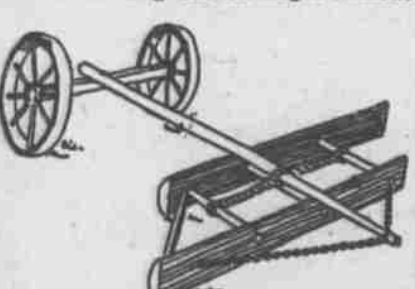
A Handy Seed Marker.

It is important to have perfectly straight lines for planting all garden stuff in order to save ground to say nothing of the good appearance of the garden and this can be accomplished in no other way except by the use of a marker. In drawing the first line the ground should be squared up accurately and a line drawn at one side as a guide for the marker. It is a good plan to use a line for all other marks as well as setting it exactly 18 inches from the last mark.

## KEEPING LOG DRAG IN LINE

Practical Arrangement That Will Prevent Device From Sliding Sideways From Ridges.

The accompanying cut will give you an idea of what I use on my split-log drag to keep it in line with the team and make drag cut off ridges without



Arranging Log Drag.

sliding off sideways, writes J. W. Sutcliffe, in Homestead. It is a forward truck for an eight-foot binder, with flanged wheels, and holds the drag as steady as a grader. The side chains are fastened to a large ring, slipped over the tongue.

Average Oat Yields. According to the Crop Reporter, issued by the United States department of agriculture, the average oat yields per acre for ten years were as follows: Russia, 19.4 bushels; France, 28.1; Austria, 28.8; United States, 28.8; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, 44.7, and Germany, 47.3. The three great crops of wheat last year were: United States, 897,154,000 bushels; Germany, 530,121,000 bushels; and Russia, 534,502,000 bushels. The world's crop was 2,390,534,000 bushels, and in excess of either corn or wheat.

Do farmers eat the proper sort of food?

The farmer of today buys a much larger proportion of the food that goes on the table than he did ten years ago. It's a good thing that this is so because he has a great variety to select from. He should, however, use great care in selecting for the best results in health and strength.

The widespread tendency in the city to increase the amount of Quaker Oats eaten is due very largely to the recent demonstrations by scientific men that the Quaker Oats fed man is the man with greatest physical endurance and greatest mental vigor.

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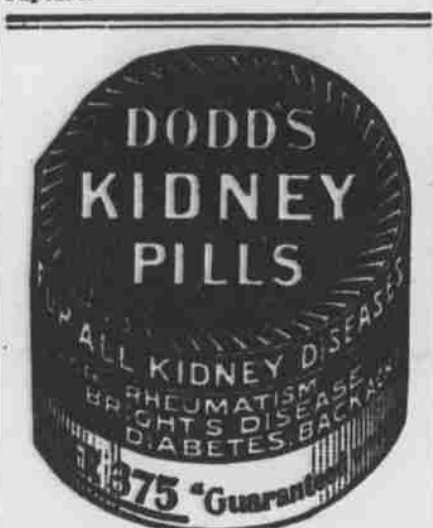
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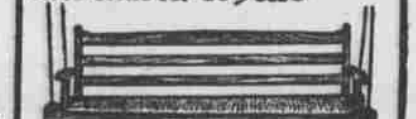
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